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Trooper Seizes 21 Pounds of Marijuana and \$225,810 in Cash

On November 17, 2007 at 1217 a.m. Trooper Linda Allen responded to a report of an aggressive driver northbound I-5 at milepost 128. Trooper Allen attempted to catch up to the 1995 Lexus. She was then advised the Lexus had hit and abandoned car on the shoulder. Trooper Allen found the Lexus off the roadway on the shoulder at milepost 138.

Trooper Allen contacted the driver of a 1995 Lexus. The driver, 37 year-old Richard B. Treder of Colorado, stated he was not injured. Treder had a roller bag with him that he continued to carry around the scene with him.

During the collision investigation Trooper Allen became suspicious of Treder's demeanor an phone conversations and later discovered the roller bag was full of money. Evidence custodians were called to the scene to take account of the monies. Over \$225,000 in cash was counted. Another duffle bag was found containing marijuana, which weighed in at 21 pounds.

Treder was arrested and booked into the Pierce County Jail on felony charges of Possession of Marijuana and Intent to Deliver. The vehicle was seized and taken as evidence to the Washington State Patrol, Tacoma Office.

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